

Group did try to rid Hawaiians of culture

By Margaret Stevie Slaughter

Those who defend the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy should check their history.

In his commentary on the sovereignty issue Advertiser Chairman Thurston Twigg-Smith asserted that no member of the overthrow group sought to extinguish Hawaiian culture. Not so. Peter Cushman Jones



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(of the group) publicly condemned hula as a "relic of barbarism" in 1908 and demanded that it not be performed.

Moreover, the late Charles Kenn, a "living treasure" of Hawaii, once complained in his oral

history that he had to attend "Tokyo High" (McKinley) to learn the Hawaiian language because Kamehameha Schools wouldn't teach it.

Hawaiian culture owes no apology to western critics for a system by which the people thrived for untold centuries. In her memoirs, Liliuokalani said it was the pride of the alii that no one ever went hungry. Remember, it was after the new culture was superimposed that 90 percent of Hawaiians died.

After the conquest wars, Kamehameha I's rule was limited by custom and counter-balanced by a Council of Chiefs.

His son, Kamehameha III, voluntarily initiated a Bill of Rights and a Constitutional Monarchy for his people. From then the monarch merely represented the executive branch of government.

Finally, because of Kalakaua's Aki-opium-bribery-scandal in 1887, the monarch was reduced to a virtual figurehead and the Legislature became defacto ruler of the kingdom through cabinet ministers who couldn't be dismissed. So how can it be argued that



this gang wanted democratic representation in place of what was "determined by the will of some monarch?"

If this was their goal why didn't they call for a referendum instead of appointing themselves? Could it be because this gang of about 13 American businessmen really wanted to secure their holdings through annexation without the consent of the people, and the angry people's vote would show the world how laughable their claim to be a "government" was while exposing them to charges of treason?

Twigg-Smith says no member of this group took a position in the new government. What about Sanford Dole as president of the fake Republic and appointed governor of the territory?

When my great-grandfather, Robert Wilcox, went to Washington, D.C., during the framing of the Organic Act for Hawaii, he was the lone wolf to lobby and win for the Hawaiians the unrestricted right to vote. No one else seemed to want it.

Under Wilcox's Home Rule Party, Hawaiians at last held power.

But soon, the missionary-sugar planter-elite, through Kuhio, swept Hawaiians out of power. And through Kuhio's Homestead Act the sugar planters received prime land, while the junk land went to Hawaiians.

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GOP use Powell in '96

By Sandy G

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"Why aren't after Clinton?"

New plan to cut school lunches hard to swallow

In the beginning there was ketchup.

The year was 1981, the Reagan Revolution had just begun, and the policy chefs cooked up a Nouvelle Right Cuisine for the kids. The newcomers to power decided that if they could play around in the country's kitchen they could save a bundle on the



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